

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 27, 2010. Applicants have attached a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136, extending the statutory period until May 27, 2010. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

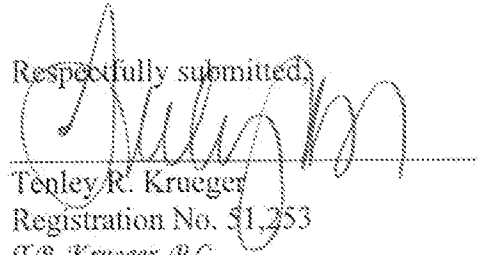
Claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Office Action states that the “polystyrene support as originally filed is limited to ‘a porous functionalized bead of polystyrene’ rather than ‘the porous polystyrene beads’ of the instant claim”. Such argument appears to be directed to a claim limitation of “providing a supported catalyst component...”, however, such a limitation does not appear in claim 48, as pending, nor as submitted in Appeal (no “providing” step appears in claim 48). Perhaps such argument/rejection is actually directed at another pending claim (to which no rejections on the record appear despite the fact that such claims were submitted in the RCE). The current claim terms in claim 48 were submitted to the Board and found to have support in the Specification as filed (support for both the term “styrene supported catalyst” and “porous polystyrene beads”). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request clarification or withdrawal of such rejection.

Claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have corrected typographical errors in such and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 96/11218 (*Collina*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,67 (*Chang*), U.S. Patent No. 4,587,227 (*Smith*) and *Lin*. Applicants have amended claim 48 to correspond with that previously pending, which was not subject to a Section 103. However, Applicants respectfully submit that such claim amendments correct prior applied Section 112 rejections by clarifying the pressure limitations of such. Applicants respectfully submit

that the combination of references does not teach, show or suggest such features and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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